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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT AND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated September 18, 2002 (Paper No. 6), for which a response was due on October 18, 2002, and for which a 5-month extension of time is requested to extend the time for response from October 18, 2002 to March 18, 2003.

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